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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS BR CPRS (MORRIS, FREDERICK)

SUBJECT: ELEVENTH INTERVIEW WITH AMCIT MORRIS

1. AT 10:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME I RECEIVED A CALL FROM COL MEZIAT, FOURTH ARMY'S G-2, WHO SAID THAT THE PLACE OF MY MEETING TODAY (OCT 14) WITH MORRIS WOULD BE A THE FOURTH ARMY POLICE BATALLION IN NEARBY OLINDA. HE SAID THE DECISION WAS MADE IN ORDER TO GIVE MORRIS BETTER ACCOMMODATIONS.

2. ACCORDINGLY I MET MORRIS AT THE NEW SITE IN THE PRESENCE OF A 1ST LIEUTENANT WHO HAD THE USUAL TAPE RECORDER FUNCTIONING. MORRIS SAID HE HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW QUARTERS TO HOURS PREVIOUSLY. THE QUARTERS SEEMED TO BE CLEAN AND AIRY AND HE HAD BEEN GIVEN AN ARMY COT TO SLEEP ON.

3. IN THE MIDST OF OUR CONVERSATION, BORIS TRINDADE, MORRIS' LAWYER CONTRACTED BY HIS FIANCE'S FAMILY, WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE OFFICE. THIS MARKED THE FIRST TIME HIS LAWYER HAS BEEN PERMITTED ACCESS. TRINDADE EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE TERMS OF THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL SECURITY LAW TO MORRIS AND SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY
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THE AUTHORITIES THAT MORRIS WOULD BE HELD UP TO 30 DAYS (FROM OCT 2)

WHILE THE FORMAL INQUIRY (INQUERITO) WAS BEING PREPARED. TRINDADE STATED THAT THE PERIOD OF 30 DAYS COULD, ACCORDING TO THE LAW, BE EXTENDED AN ADDITIONAL 20 DAYS IF THE AUTHORITIES SHOW GOOD CAUSE BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNALS. THE LAWYER THEN ADDED THAT MORRIS COULD POSSIBLY BE RELEASED ON PROVISIONAL LIBERTY BEFORE THE ORIGINAL 30 DAYS EXPIRED, PROVIDED THE INQUERITO HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THE AUTHORITIES WERE SATISFIED WITH THE FINDINGS OF THE INQUERITO.

4. I INTERRUPTED THE CONVERSATION AND SAID, FOR THE RECORD, THAT I HOPED WE COULD KEEP OUR INTERVIEWS SEPARATE IN THE FUTURE, IN THAT I WAS CONCERNED WITH MORRIS' WELL BEING UNDER AN INTERNATIONAL ACCORD AND, THOUGH INTERESTED, DID NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH HIS LEGAL CASE BEFORE THE BRAZILIAN JURIDICAL SYSTEM. I ASKED MORRIS A FEW MORE QUESTIONS AND DEPARTED, LEAVING HIM WITH HIS LAWYER. I TOLD MORRIS BEFORE I LEFT TO REPEAT FOR HIS LAWYER'S BENEFIT AND FOR THE RECORD EVERYTHING HE HAD TOLD ME EARLIER CONCERNING HIS TREATMENT DURING THE INITIAL DAYS OF HIS CONFINEMENT AND SHOW HIM ANY REMAINING MARKS ON HIS BODY.

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